

LOW SCHOOL BID WAS WITHDRAWN

Affidavits furnished to show contract for Newman Building was regularly let.

OTHER STORIES ARE DENIED

STATEMENTS FROM MEN FAMILIAR WITH SUBJECT.

G. M. Bridwell, superintendent of buildings for the board of education, has secured a number of affidavits to prove the board's position with reference to attacks made upon it by a local publication, in awarding the contract for the construction of the Newman school building, at Fourth North and Tenth West streets, to Asper, Noall & Co., whose bid was \$41,200.

The alleged reason for the attacks upon the board is that the Great Western Mill & Building company had underbid the other firm to the extent of about \$2,000, and therefore should have been awarded the contract. According to law, a certified check for one-fifth of the amount of the bid should accompany the bid when submitted to the board. The Great Western company failed to send a check with its bid and its attention was called to this by the board. In the meantime the Great Western company directed that it had made an error in figuring; that it would be impossible for that company to take the contract at the price specified in its bid, and, therefore, so long as it had failed to comply with all the requirements of the law in not sending a certified check with its bid, it withdrew in favor of the next lowest bidder, Asper, Noall & Co.

Affidavits Are Submitted.

In the affidavit of Andrew Madsen, manager of the Great Western Mill & Building company, he says: "The bid furnished by our company was erroneous. Arnold G. Glaucque and G. M. Bridwell waited upon me a second time before the bid was awarded to Asper, Noall & Co., and again invited our company to enter into a written contract for the construction of the building; but I again informed them that our company could not do so, as an error had been made and that the bid made by us was too low. We have not the slightest complaint to make against the board of education."

In an affidavit, Matthew Noall, president of Asper, Noall & Co., says: "On May 1, 1906, Asper, Noall & Co. was awarded the contract for the construction of the Newman school building by the board of education for the sum of \$41,200. The bid of the Great Western Mill & Building company for the construction of the building was \$39,200."

Willing to Withdraw.

"About one week after the awarding of the contract, having heard through a Tribune reporter that the Great Western Mill & Building company was willing to enter into a contract with the board for the construction of the building for the amount of their bid, I stated to the reporter that our company would withdraw in favor of the Great Western Mill & Building company, provided it would enter into a contract with the board for the construction of the building for the amount of their bid. Two or three days later I informed Arnold G. Glaucque, chairman of the building committee, of the board, that our company would withdraw as contractor in favor of said Great Western Mill & Building company, if that company would enter into a contract and give a bond for the construction of the building in accordance with the bid submitted by it to the board."

The affidavit of R. Kletting, the architect and superintendent of the Newman school building, in part is:

Injustice to Others.

"The Great Western Mill & Building company was not willing to enter into a contract on the basis of its bid, but wrote a letter to the board suggesting that if the work was re-advertised it would save the board several thousand dollars. In my opinion, it would have been an injustice to other bidders if that company would have withdrawn its bid, as there was a continuous increase in the cost of material and labor."

A Reasonable Price.

D. W. Gamble, the building inspector, made affidavit that he had inspected the Newman school from top to bottom and found its construction first class in every particular, and in his opinion \$42,000 was a reasonable price.

William J. Tuddenham, who subcontracted on the building under Asper, Noall & Co., furnished an affidavit that he consented to a cancellation of the contract in favor of the Great Western Mill & Building company if it chose to enter into a contract with the board of education in accordance with its bid.

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THE LEIGHTON PLAYERS AT THE GRAND ARE WORKING DAY AND NIGHT REHEARSING "BUTTERFLY" AND THE NEW PLAY "THE LEIGHTON," which receives its first presentation on any stage at the Grand Sunday evening and all next week. "Zorah" is drawing big audiences this week.

The show at the Lyric vaudeville house continues to draw crowds. Beginning at Saturday's matinee the Sullivan & Considine road show will be seen for a week's engagement with the Lyric. The Lyric Opera Trio put on an interesting act and Evans and Lloyd will be seen in a clever comedy playlet.

PROVO NEWS NOTES.

Provo, April 18.—Marriage licenses have been issued to the following couples: John E. Nelson and Edna Peterson, both of Provo; Carl C. Cochran and Louise Scott, both of Provo; Carl R. Johnson and Isabelle Soren, both of Provo.

The Ladies' City Improvement league has sent to Washington, D. C., for flower and vegetable seeds, which will be distributed to the children of the public schools, and prizes will be given for the best flower and vegetable gardens planted and cared for by the children.

Lawrence Adams has gone to Reno, Nev., to take a position with the Western Union Telegraph company.

Mrs. Ellen Gidgion died Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles A. Boren, from general debility, at the age of 82 years. She was born in Preston, England, and came to Utah eleven years ago, since which time her home has been in Provo. Five children, of whom is in England and numerous other relatives survive her. Funeral services will be held in the Sixth ward meeting house tomorrow (Friday) at 2 o'clock.

B. R. Smoot has gone to Nampa, Ida., on business connected with the sugar factory.

Owen Dusenberry has returned from Denver, where he has been located for several years. He expects to move to Salt Lake City.

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AMUSEMENTS

When in the past Clyde Fitch has been able to break away theatrically from his sordid treatment of raw French ideals, to the tune of about three productions a season, and has attempted an American play he has slipped straightway into society's drawing rooms and while he has taken out some mighty clever stories, he is responsible, on the other hand, for probably more cheap, clap-trap conventional rubbish than any other present day playwright. His shows have been roasted from coast to coast for their objectionable scenes, the author's spongy way of reaching climaxes and his weak construction, and yet every time Mr. Fitch comes to town in a new dress he is feted and dined and, figuratively speaking, by the playgoing public. His money-making plays are accepted and flourish financially.

This season Mr. Fitch gave us two new plays, both of New York. They opened the same night in New York at Broadway theatres across the street from each other. One of these and the only one about which Salt Lake City is at present is "The Straight Road," in which Miss Blanche Walsh is appearing at the Salt Lake theatre for the remainder of the season. The engagement opening last night to a big audience.

If what has been written above has prejudiced the reader in advance against "The Straight Road," let this statement alone for the impression—dramatically it is one of the strongest plays Mr. Fitch has ever written. It is absorbingly interesting, and he has reached the heart of a big story with swift, sure strokes, capturing the "problem" of the girl who is handling a tale of New York's east side.

He handles coarse clay in "The Straight Road," and to his credit it must be said that there is less trash in the lines than in anything he has done in years. Housington Street Moll is a cunning, ragged, unkempt and thoroughly tough girl of New York's tenement at the opening of the play. Miss Thompson is a girl who has money and time in Moll's district of the "street" in slum work. She is full of enthusiasm and is engaged to Douglas Aines, a handsome, penniless and worthless. There is a fight in the street and you get the first glimpse of Moll as she stumbles into the Thompson refuge house in the lead of a dozen drunken men and women and a policeman. After a very poorly acted scene with the execution of a hair-pulling match between Moll and Lazy Liz, the policeman hustles the gang off to jail, leaving Moll to Miss Thompson, through which incident the mental fifts and the curses and the pleadings to "Le me go, damn it," Mr. Fitch works his way to the woman's soul, the germ of one as he calls it, in Moll with a child. He uses the mother love to pull the girl from the gutter. Then Mr. Fitch has a fight and falls down hard. The youngest of amateur playwrights could find a better excuse for the splendid scene of the girl not than the second act of "The Straight Road." Moll is five months out of the "street" and is a guest at Miss Thompson's country home. Aines cannot resist the girl's face and figure, and to know the full extent of his trickery, Moll leads him on till Miss Thompson catches him. Moll then tells the girl, like a flash he turns the tables on Moll, and pushing her away, flays her unmercifully. Miss Thompson believes him and tells the street girl out. The trick is weak and silly, and a poor beginning for what follows. Moll enters her room and tells the street girl out. The trick is weak and silly, and a poor beginning for what follows. Moll enters her room and tells the street girl out.

ROBBER'S BRUTAL ASSAULT

Attacks Aged Resident of Eureka in His Home, Beating Him and Taking His Money.

(Special to The Herald.)

Eureka, April 18.—A robbery and assault took place last night about 10:30 when J. A. Pierce, an old resident of Eureka and a resident of the city of Eureka, was attacked by a man who is about 34 years of age and who has not been well for the past few months, was taken to the hospital.

James A. O'Brien, who had called to see what he could do to help him, Mr. O'Brien was sitting with the sick man when the latter part of May. The last director gives the city of Salt Lake a population of 26,749. The last director gives the city of Salt Lake a population of 26,749. The last director gives the city of Salt Lake a population of 26,749.

For the state of Utah Mr. North's bureau gives a population of 216,331. In 1905, the population of Utah was 206,224, and in 1904, 203,137. H. A. McMillan, the state statistician, who is the bureau of statistics, has estimated that the population of the state has a population of 234,431.

It is an exceedingly difficult matter to secure accurate figures on which to base an estimate, said Mr. McMillan. "I have not been able to get the census clerks to send the office figures on population, but I have not yet received the figures from the census clerks. The census clerks have not yet received the figures from the census clerks. The census clerks have not yet received the figures from the census clerks."

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